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ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AND OTHER
DECISIONS AND CONCLUSIONS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Collaborative institutional arrangements in support
of the Global Mechanism

Draft decision proposed by the Chairman of the
Committee of the Whole

The Conference of the Parties,

Having examined decision 10/18 of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of a Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (INCD), taken at its resumed tenth session, which, inter alia, invites the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Bank to consult on and develop a proposal on the possible collaborative institutional arrangements for the Global Mechanism for submission to, consideration by and appropriate action by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its first session,

Welcoming, as an important element in the successful functioning of the Global Mechanism, the agreement of IFAD, UNDP and the World Bank on collaborative institutional arrangements for the Global Mechanism, as reflected in document ICCD/COP(1)/CRP.1, annexed to this decision,

1. Decides that this agreement shall serve as the initial basis for collaborative institutional arrangements in support of the Global Mechanism by the three organizations;

2. Decides also that, in carrying out the functions of the Global Mechanism, in accordance with its decision ..., the organization to house the Global Mechanism shall, as the lead organization, fully cooperate with the other two institutions that entered into the collaborative institutional arrangements described in document ICCD/COP(1)/CRP.1;

3. Urges the three institutions concerned to proceed with the arrangements proposed in document ICCD/COP(1)/CRP.1, including the establishment of a facilitation committee, and requests the three institutions to actively pursue and develop further those arrangements and report to the second session of the COP;

4. Invites relevant institutions, programmes and bodies of the United Nations system, including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Food Programme (WFP), regional and subregional organizations and regional development banks, as well as interested non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the private sector, to actively support the activities of the Global Mechanism, as contemplated in paragraph 5 of the annex to document ICCD/COP(1)/CRP.1 and, in this connection, to establish and/or strengthen programmes to combat desertification in affected developing countries;

5. Requests the organization housing the Global Mechanism to report to the second session of the COP on modalities regarding collaboration between itself and the NGO community, as well as collaboration with other interested organizations, including the private sector.
